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 Examined at my old stand in Ayer  
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 Treats Diseases of the  
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 BRISTOL, TENN.  
 Will be in Big Stone Gap Third  
 Friday in December.

**Virginia & Southwestern Ry.**

**Local Time Table**  
 And Through Connections

**IN EFFECT JAN. 1, 1902**

**REVENUE DIVISION**

Date	From	To	Rate
Nov. 1	Washington	Richmond	1.00
Nov. 1	Richmond	Washington	1.00
Nov. 1	Washington	Philadelphia	2.00
Nov. 1	Philadelphia	Washington	2.00
Nov. 1	Washington	New York	3.00
Nov. 1	New York	Washington	3.00
Nov. 1	Washington	Baltimore	1.50
Nov. 1	Baltimore	Washington	1.50
Nov. 1	Washington	St. Louis	4.00
Nov. 1	St. Louis	Washington	4.00
Nov. 1	Washington	Chicago	5.00
Nov. 1	Chicago	Washington	5.00

**WASHINGTON DIVISION**

Date	From	To	Rate
Nov. 1	Washington	Richmond	1.00
Nov. 1	Richmond	Washington	1.00
Nov. 1	Washington	Philadelphia	2.00
Nov. 1	Philadelphia	Washington	2.00
Nov. 1	Washington	New York	3.00
Nov. 1	New York	Washington	3.00
Nov. 1	Washington	Baltimore	1.50
Nov. 1	Baltimore	Washington	1.50
Nov. 1	Washington	St. Louis	4.00
Nov. 1	St. Louis	Washington	4.00
Nov. 1	Washington	Chicago	5.00
Nov. 1	Chicago	Washington	5.00

**NO. 3 connects with No. 1 at Bristol for**

**Washington, Cincinnati and all points West.**

**Southwest, North & South-west, and also**

**with Norfolk & Western Ry. for points**

**East and with Southern Ry. for points**

**South.**

**No. 4 connects at Elizabethtown with**

**N. & W. N. C. Ry. for Greensboro, N. C.,**

**and intermediate points, arriving at Green-**

**sville 7:15 p. m., Central Time.**

**No. 1 connects at Interment for all**

**points on the L. & N. R. R., and carries**

**PULLMAN BUFFET SLEEPING CARS**

**from**

**Bristol to Cincinnati**

**WITHOUT CHANGE**

**At Louisville**

## REPLIES RECEIVED.

**Arbitration Proposition Agree-**  
**able to Great Britain, Ger-**  
**many and Italy.**

**GERMANY'S ANSWER IS DELAYED.**

**Italy, as Junior Partner of the Allies,**  
**Will Be Bound by the Action**  
**of the Seniors.**

**In Each Case, However, There Are**  
**Reservations or Conditions Insist-**  
**ed Upon—The Hague Tribunal**  
**May Undertake Case.**

**Caracas, Dec. 18.**—Indications here  
 are that Venezuela will yield to the  
 demands of the allies.

The leading citizens of Caracas have  
 addressed a joint note to President  
 Castro asking him to give full powers  
 to United States Minister Bowen to  
 effect a termination of the present diffi-

**Caracas, Dec. 18.**—It has been de-

cided that the Venezuelan difficulty  
 shall be arbitrated.

**Washington, Dec. 18.**—The following  
 telegram was sent Wednesday by  
 the navy department to Adm. Dewey,  
 in command of the combined fleets, ad-

dress to San Juan:  
 "Send competent officer with dis-

patch in torpedo boat destroyer or other  
 vessel to Caracas as assistant to  
 American minister."

**Caracas, Dec. 19.**—Lopez Baralt,  
 Venezuelan minister of foreign affairs,  
 has transmitted to United States Min-  
 ister Bowen a document signed by  
 President Castro as constitutional  
 president of the republic, and com-

missioned by himself as minister of for-  
 eign affairs, in which Mr. Bowen is  
 recognized as the only representative  
 of Venezuela in the matter of effect-

ing a settlement of the present diffi-

culty.

According to the terms of this docu-

ment Mr. Bowen may act without re-

striction and be at all times authorized

to protect the interests of Venezuela.

The document was subjected  
 to correction Wednesday night and  
 again Thursday morning before deliv-

ery. The state department at Wash-

ington has been notified of the trans-

mission of this instrument to Mr.

Bowen.

**Washington, Dec. 20.**—Secretary

Ray has received partial responses

from the governments of Great Brit-

ain, Germany and Italy respecting the

proposals to arbitrate the Venezuelan

difficulties. Great Britain is favor-

## FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

**Second Session.**

**Washington, Dec. 18.**—Senate.—The  
 senate Wednesday passed the pension  
 appropriation bill without discussion.  
 It carries \$139,847,000. An urgent de-

ficiency bill also was passed. The  
 amount carried by this bill is \$1,145,-  
 400, and includes an item of \$500,000  
 to enable the secretary of agriculture  
 to stamp out the foot and mouth dis-

ease, which has become epidemic in  
 the New England states. At 2 o'clock,  
 Mr. Keen, of New Jersey, called up  
 the resolutions expressing the regret of  
 the senate at the death of the late Senator

Sewell of New Jersey, and feelingly  
 spoke of the life and character of the  
 deceased. He was followed by several  
 other senators, and as a further mark  
 of respect an adjournment was taken  
 until Saturday.

**House.**—The legislative appropri-

ation bill, with the following amend-

ment to enforce the Sherman anti-

trust law, was passed. "That for the

enforcement of the provisions of the

act of July 2, 1890, the sum of \$500,-

000 is hereby appropriated out of any

money in the treasury not heretofore

appropriated to be expended under the

direction of the attorney general in

the employment of special counsel  
 and agents of the department of justice  
 to conduct proceedings suits and pro-

secutions under said acts in the courts  
 of the United States; provided, that  
 no person shall be prosecuted or be

subjected to any penalty or forfeiture  
 for or on account of any transaction,  
 matter or thing, concerning which he

may testify or produce evidence, docu-

mentary or otherwise, in any pro-

ceeding, suit or prosecution under  
 said acts; provided, further, that no  
 person so testifying shall be exempt

from prosecution or punishment for  
 perjury committed in so testifying.  
 This appropriation shall be immedi-

ately available."

**Washington, Dec. 19.**—House.—The  
 house Thursday passed the bill to  
 reduce the duties on the products of the  
 Philippine islands coming into the

United States from 75 per cent. of the  
 original rates (the present duties) to  
 25 per cent. of those rates. The dis-

cussion of the bill was accompanied  
 by considerable maneuvering in the  
 democratic side to secure test votes  
 on various amendments designed to

lower the tariff barrier still further,  
 and a record vote was forced on a  
 motion to recommitt with instructions  
 to report a bill providing for absolute

free trade with the islands. The di-

vision on this proposition was on Oc-

tober 15th, when the exemption of Mr.

McCall (rep. Mass.), who voted with the

## OPERATORS' SIDE.

**Testimony to Show That a Reign**  
**of Terror Existed in the An-**  
**thraxite Coal Fields.**

**A SCORE OF WITNESSES CALLED.**

**They Told of Serious Boycotts, Brutal**  
**Attacks by Crowds of Men,**  
**Women and Boys.**

**Lawyers For the Miners Objected Fre-**  
**quently to the Admission of Testi-**  
**mony on Hearsay—Chairman**  
**Gray on Boycotts.**

**Scranton, Pa., Dec. 18.**—The coal  
 strike commission listened Thursday  
 to further testimony tending to show  
 that a reign of terror existed in the

anthracite coal fields during the five  
 and a half months of the mine work-

ers' strike. About a score of wit-

nesses were called during the two ses-

sions by the attorneys for the non-

union men. They told of serious boy-

cotts, brutal attacks by crowds of men,

women and boys and an attempt to

burn the house of a non-union man.

In most instances, the witnesses testi-

fied that the alleged offenders were

members of the miners' union. The

lawyers for the miners objected fre-

quently to the admission of testimony  
 on hearsay and some times objected  
 because of irrelevancy of certain other

statements. Chairman Gray said the  
 commission was not bound to any  
 strict rules of evidence, but asked

counsel to confine themselves in ex-

amining witnesses as far as possible  
 to direct evidence. He said it was too

difficult in trying to prove that boy-

cotts existed to get information on the

subject. The commission, he said,  
 wanted to know whether a reign of  
 terror existed in the anthracite region

and it could not get that information  
 if the strict rules of evidence were  
 applied. The reward who will go to

the strikers, he said, and tell them  
 not to let the necessities of life be a  
 poor woman, usually seeks the op-

portunity to break up the cowardly  
 business."

**THE BRIBERY CASES.**

**Five Convicted and Sentenced to the**  
**Pen For Five Years Each.**

**St. Louis, Dec. 20.**—The light trial of

## WAGES INCREASED.

**Locomotive Engineers and Firemen**  
**Receive a Raise.**

**Chicago, Dec. 20.**—Increases in  
 wages amounting to \$500,000 a year  
 are to be granted the locomotive en-

gineers and firemen employed by the  
 Chicago & Northwestern railroad and  
 its branch lines through an agreement

reached Friday between officials of the  
 railroad and committees representing  
 the Brotherhood of Locomotive En-

gineers and the Brotherhood of Loco-

motive Firemen. The new scale will go  
 into effect January 1. It provides for  
 increases of approximately 8 per cent

in the pay of the members of the labor  
 organizations. The engineers will re-

ceive from \$3.80 to \$4.70 for each run  
 of 100 miles. They are now paid from  
 \$3.70 to \$4.30.

The high rate is paid to the men  
 who run the larger and newer engines.  
 The number of these engines is con-

stantly growing and, it is said, a ma-

jority of the men will receive the \$4.70  
 rate.

**CLAIMS DECLARED INVALID.**

**Suit Against the United States For**  
**\$1,000,000 Was Turned Down.**

**New York, Dec. 20.**—United States  
 Judge Edward B. Thomas handed  
 down a decision Friday declaring in-

valid a claim of \$1,000,000 against the  
 United States entered by Lieut. Com-

mander W. H. Sutherland of the navy.  
 The amount was asked as prize money  
 by the commander and his crew of the

Eagle, a converted gunboat, having  
 destroyed the Spanish steamer Santo  
 Domingo during the Spanish-

American war.

Lieut. Commander Sutherland de-

manded the value of the sunken Spanish  
 vessel and her cargo, the contention  
 being that Adm. Dewey and his men

were granted large booty prizes in  
 Manila bay for similar work. The  
 government asserted during the trial

of the case that only the sum of \$1,000  
 could be recovered by plaintiff.

**MARGARITA ISLAND.**

**The United States Wins It and Gains**  
**a Strategic Point.**

**Washington, Dec. 20.**—Margarita Is-

land, on the north shore of Venezuela,  
 will probably become a part of the  
 United States as a result of the recent

troubles with that South American re-

public. This would guard the entrance  
 to the isthmian canal. It would give  
 the United States the same control of

the Caribbean which England main-

tains over the Mediterranean. It is  
 this advantageous point which Ger-

many covets. The acquisition of this  
 island would complete the discom-

fort which the European nations must

## CONDENSED NEWS.

**Important Happenings in Different**  
**Parts of the World.**

Three cases of bubonic plague are  
 under treatment in the Swinburne  
 island hospital at quarantine.

Fire partly destroyed Fulton mar-

ket, Chicago, causing a loss of \$100,-  
 000. The market is composed of the  
 wholesale meat markets and several  
 manufacturing plants.

At Farmington, Ia., City Marshal E.  
 W. Coulter and Justice A. E. Musgrave  
 were fatally wounded by Geo. Stillwell.  
 The latter in turn was later shot to  
 death by a posse.

Joseph Kibbenmeier's dream, which  
 he interpreted to preface his death,  
 came true when the young man was  
 accidentally electrocuted in the base-

ment of Appel's restaurant, Denver,  
 Col.

On the walls of the room of the Red  
 Cross society, in the Nasby building,  
 Toledo, O., within the last few days,  
 has appeared a perfect map of Vene-

zuela, caused by the peeling off of the  
 plaster so as to outline the map.

In a desperate scramble of 50 men  
 to pick up scraps of coal on the  
 Twenty-fifth street side of the Hoff-

man house, New York, Mrs. Julia  
 McCarty was shoved through an  
 archedway and received injuries which  
 may cost her her life.

President Larry, of the Lincoln Mem-

orial university, Cumberland, Ky.,  
 Tenn., announced that he has secured  
 from northern sources an endowment

of \$200,000 for that institution and a  
 number of scholarships. The benefac-

tor's name was not made known.

Voltaire Lecuyer, an anarchist and  
 a teacher of languages, was shot  
 and mortally wounded by Herman

Heubacher, a former pupil, in Philadel-

phia. The woman is dying in a hos-

pital and Heubacher is in custody. Un-

requited love is said to have caused  
 the deed.

The remains of Gen. George Moor-

man, adjutant general of the United  
 Confederate Veterans, were tempo-

orarily laid to rest in the tomb of  
 the army of Tennessee in Metairie

cemetery, New Orleans. Gen. Moor-

man had served with that command  
 during the civil war.

A joint resolution was introduced  
 in the house providing that the alien  
 contract labor law shall not operate

to prevent foreign exhibitors at the  
 Louisiana Purchase exposition from  
 bringing into the United States under

contract such employees as they may  
 deem necessary for specified purposes.

A copy of the statement made before  
 the court of third instance in Guate-

malia by W. G. Hunter, jr., son of the  
 United States minister to Guatemala,  
 regarding the shooting of William A.

Fitzgerald, has been received. Young

## WANTS A RE-ELECTION.